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	Total 1927-1932 (incl.)	Total 1933-1937 (incl.)	Total 1927-1937 (incl.)
Dominion Direct and Guaranteed Bonds (excluding Railways).....	+ 54.9	+143.0	+197.9
Provincial Direct and Guaranteed Bonds (excluding Railways).....	+187.3	-108.9	+ 78.4
Dominion Guaranteed Railway Bonds.....	+203.5	-164.1	+ 39.4
Provincially Guaranteed Railway Bonds.....	- 20.9	- 1.1	- 22.0
Municipal Bonds.....	+ 43.4	- 76.1	- 32.7
Total Government Bonds.....	+468.2	-207.2	+261.0
Railway Bonds Unguaranteed.....	+ 44.9	- 70.7	- 25.8
Other Corporation Bonds.....	+213.1	-169.6	+ 43.5
Total.....	+726.2	-447.5	+278.7

(4) Canadian Net Non-Monetary Gold Exports: 1927-37.

(Submitted by Mr. Towers in reply to Mr. McGeer)

(Volume 21, page 706)

	(Millions of dollars)		(Millions of dollars)
1927..	32.2	1933..	81.7
1928..	40.1	1934..	113.6
1939..	37.2	1935..	118.7
1930..	38.9	1936..	131.6
1931..	56.9	1937..	145.1
1932..	70.0		

(5) Exports of Goods and Services in Relation to National Income.

(Submitted by Mr. Towers in reply to Mr. McGeer)

(Volume 21, page 705)

UNITED KINGDOM

(Millions of Pounds Sterling)	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
Income from Exports of Goods (Domestic Exports).....	650	710	720	730	570	390	370	370	400	430	440	520
Income from Exports of Services (Estimated).....	260	280	270	270	230	160	150	140	150	150	170	220
Total Income from Sale of Goods and Services Abroad (Estimated)....(1)	910	990	990	1,000	800	550	520	510	550	580	610	740
Total National Income (Estimated)..(2)	4,200	4,400	4,300	4,400	4,300	3,900	3,800	4,000	4,200	4,500	4,800	5,100
(1) as a percentage of (2).....	22%	23%	23%	23%	19%	14%	14%	13%	13%	13%	13%	15%

CANADA

(Millions of Dollars)	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
Income from Exports of Goods (Domestic Exports).....	1,290	1,240	1,380	1,190	900	650	560	610	760	840	1,070	1,140
Income from Export of Services (Estimated).....	330	370	400	420	360	320	260	170	200	290	340	410
Total Income from Sale of Goods and Services Abroad (Estimated)....(1)	1,620	1,610	1,780	1,610	1,260	970	820	780	960	1,130	1,410	1,550
Total National Income (Estimated)..(2)	4,600	4,900	5,300	5,400	4,700	3,800	3,000	2,900	3,300	3,500	3,700	4,100
(1) as a Percentage of (2).....	35%	33%	34%	30%	27%	26%	27%	27%	29%	32%	38%	38%

(j) Sundry

(1) Comparative Statistics: Canada and U.K.

(Submitted by Mr. Towers in reply to Mr. McGeer)

(Volume 21, page 707)

	United Kingdom	Canada
Population—1938..	47.5 million	11.2 million
National Debt (Direct and Guaranteed)—1938..	£7.5 billion ¹	\$6.7 billion ²
National Income—1937..	£5.1 billion	\$4.1 billion
Bank Deposits—March, 1939..	£2.7 billion ³	\$2.5 billion ⁴
Bank Deposits (as above) plus Notes and Coin outside banks—March, 1939..	£3.1 billion	\$2.7 billion
Government Expenditures (ex Defence and Post office), 1937-8..	£660 million	\$810 million ⁵
Advances—March, 1939..	£990 million ⁶	\$940 million ⁷
Domestic Exports—1938..	£470 million	\$1,000 million
Retained Imports—1938..	£860 million	\$670 million

¹ Excluding £1,032 million of War Debts and £429 million of Local Loans.² Dominion, Provinces and C.N.R.³ London Clearing Banks plus Post Office Savings Bank.⁴ Canadian Deposits of Chartered Banks.⁵ Dominion and Provinces.⁶ London Clearing Banks.⁷ Chartered Banks—Current Loans in Canada.

(2) United Kingdom Gold Reserves* 1931 and 1938.

(Submitted by Mr. Towers in reply to Mr. Moore)

(Volume 11, page 363)

	(fine ounces)	
Dec. 31/31	March 31/38	Sept. 30/38
28,000,000	119,000,000	99,000,000

* Gold held by Bank of England and Exchange Equalization Account.



